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## Local Matters.

### HELD FOR BURGLARY

Two soldiers from Fort Adams are being held to await the action of the next grand jury on charges of breaking and entering in the night time to commit larceny. They were apprehended soon after midnight Monday morning in the residence of Mrs. Alexander S. Clarke, "Beachwood," on the Ocean Drive. The men were found in the house by Samuel Matson, the caretaker, and his son, who were aroused by the sounding of the burglar alarm. They covered the intruders with revolvers and effected their capture, holding them until the arrival of the police.

At the Police Station, the soldiers made no attempt to deny their guilt, saying they were in need of funds and took that way of getting them. They denied that they intended to sort from the service. One of the prisoners had a heavy army revolver, but it was not loaded.

### A NEW CITY HOTEL

Newport is to have a new hotel in the near future, this being an entirely separate plan from the summer hotel that is being negotiated. Mr. Daniel Rosen has purchased the Mayer block on Spring street and proposes to turn it into a permanent hotel to be rented to a competent hotel man.

The Mayer block was built a number of years ago by the late Joseph Mayer, and was Newport's first apartment house. It can be turned into a modern hotel without a very great expense and its location is very central and convenient. One of the ideas of the new purchaser is to make the large store on the street floor into the hotel dining room, with suitable offices adjoining. Work will probably be started soon.

Chaplain William S. Nichols, U. S. N., who has been attached to the Torpedo Station since the early part of the war, has been placed on the retired list, and has accepted a call to a church in Wakefield. Chaplain Nichols has made many friends during his stay in Newport and he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Benjamin C. Tew, a former Newporter, died a few days ago at Hempstead, Long Island. He left Newport many years ago and had built up a flourishing business in Hempstead. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George E. Bailey of this city and Mrs. Herbert Shaw of Brooklyn.

The annual meeting of Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, will be held in Masonic Temple next Tuesday evening. Distinguished George H. Holmes of Providence, Deputy for Rhode Island, will be present to install the officers.

The election matters in the town of Jamestown are not entirely settled, as the courts will be asked to rule as to the legality of the election for some offices. In some cases where the vote was close, a recount of the ballots is sought, and the question arises as to who is required to make a recount.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, Royal and Select Masters, was held in Providence on Tuesday Donald E. Spears of this city was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and appointed Benjamin F. Downing, 3d, as Grand Marshal.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At the weekly meeting of the board of aldermen on Thursday evening, there was a large amount of business to be considered. A resolution was unanimously adopted, inviting President Harding to spend a day in Newport as the guest of the city some time during the summer thus having an opportunity to look over the Government establishment here, as well as becoming acquainted with the city. The board also adopted a resolution of protest against the removal of the Naval War College as proposed in the Congressional resolution presented this week. If President Harding accepts the invitation to Newport he will have an opportunity to inspect the College himself. He is expected to be in Atlantic waters this summer to review the Atlantic fleet.

An application for renewal of a pool table license for a place on West Broadway was received, and Chief Tobin called attention to the fact that young boys were allowed to lounge around there. The petitioner was directed to appear before the next meeting of the board. There was some discussion over the matter of gas odors in the sewers, the Company having asked for an opening of the outlet to allow the escape of such oily water as has now accumulated, with the assurance that the nuisance would not occur again. After some discussion the matter was referred to a committee.

A copy of the resolution adopted by the allied committee of veteran organizations was presented to the board, protesting against any lease of the Old City Hall that does not carry a proviso that the lease may be terminated whenever the building is required for public or semi-public purposes. Telegrams were also received from Mrs. Daniel B. Feating and Mrs. John Nicholas Brown protesting against a lease of the building in order that the people of Newport might have a chance to reclaim the historic old building.

The building inspector presented a complaint against a building on Franklin street, which he believed to be in a dangerous condition. A large amount of routine business was transacted.

After several years of stumbling over the high step in the walk at the Postoffice corner, the highway department has begun to readjust the grade there so as to obviate the danger of serious injury to pedestrians. When the new building was erected the government contractor made an error in the grade, and as the United States has shown no intention of rectifying it, the city has decided to do so. The improvement, when completed, will be greatly appreciated by all who have occasion to use the walk, and that means about everybody in Newport.

A defective gasoline blow torch in an attic on Atlantic street was responsible for considerable confusion on the fire alarm Wednesday evening. Box 62 was pulled, but four different numbers sounded on the fire alarm, and it was not until the last round came in that the correct number responded. The apparatus went to several different boxes in search of the fire, and in the meantime neighbors had extinguished the flames. The damage was comparatively slight.

The first Dog Show under the auspices of the Newport County Kennel Club will be held in Odd Fellows Hall on April 28th, and a large number of entries, both from Newport County and elsewhere have already been received, assuring the success of the affair. Many prizes have been offered by Newport business men and others. Mr. Frank F. Davies, of the Davies-Timson Company, has the management of the Show and will distribute entry blanks to all interested.

Mrs. John A. Pinard, wife of the celebrated caterer of that name, died suddenly at her New York residence Wednesday evening. She was well known in Newport, where she had passed many summers with her husband. She is survived by one son, Mr. Cazacu Pinard.

Aquidneck Chapter, No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold an entertainment and dance in Masonic Hall, next Thursday evening. An excellent program has been arranged, and this will be followed by dancing. A large attendance is expected.

A number of the old buildings in various parts of the town, which have long since passed their usefulness, are being torn down by order of the Inspector of Buildings, who considers them a dangerous fire menace.

### TRAINING STATION FIRE

There was a spectacular blaze at the Naval Training Station last Sunday evening, when two of the condemned shacks of the old Camp Sadler establishment were destroyed by fire. While the buildings were not of any great value, they contained considerable lumber which was to have been salvaged by the Swift-McNitt Company of Providence, who recently purchased a number of the condemned buildings at auction. Work of razing some of the buildings had already begun.

It was about 10.00 o'clock Sunday evening that box 32 was sounded on the Training Station system. People in Newport who heard the alarm looked over toward the Station and saw the cloudy sky brilliantly illuminated. There were visions of a vast conflagration and many hastened over from the city. Chief Kirwin of the local department was on hand, but his assistance was not required, as the Station department proved fully able to handle the flames though a second alarm was sounded to get more men.

There was a high wind from the northwest, but this fact saved further loss, as it blew the flames away from the other wooden buildings. The building where the fire originated was the first in the line, and only one other stood in the line of the flames. These two were quickly destroyed, but the efforts of the fire department prevented further loss.

No cause has been assigned for the fire, but it seems to have made great headway in a very short time. Those who passed within a few minutes of the discovery of the fire saw nothing suspicious, but when the alarm was sounded the first building was a mass of flames.

### PAYMASTER LYNAM ARRESTED

Assistant Paymaster J. J. Lynam, who was accused of being short in his accounts with the scout cruiser Chester, and for whom the Federal authorities had been looking for some days, surrendered himself and was taken to Boston from Montreal late last week. He pleaded not guilty to the charges against him, and was held in \$25,000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

Lieutenant Lynam claims that he lost a large sum of money while on his way from Boston to Washington, attributing the loss to pickpockets. He further claims that the amount of the shortage is not as great as has been stated.

The open season for lobsters began at midnight Thursday night, and the lobstermen were out setting their traps before daylight on Friday. There are more men engaged in the business in these waters than ever before. Owing to the efforts of the lobster hatchery at Wickford, this number of lobsters is continually increasing in spite of the numbers that are taken each year. The State hatchery is considered as a model of its kind.

Mrs. Agnes K. Wheeler, widow of Frank M. Wheeler, will open a hair dressing and manicure establishment in the Mercury building about June 1st. Mrs. Wheeler has been studying in Boston for some time and is now very proficient in her profession. Her establishment will be in the two front rooms on the second floor, formerly occupied by the Grey Tea Shop.

The former Achilles Stevens building at the corner of Spring and Barney streets, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, has been condemned as too far damaged to permit of rebuilding. It is now being torn down, and in a few days the lot will be entirely clear. Nothing is known as to what use will be made of the vacant lot.

Moses David has purchased at public auction the Kirwin block at the corner of Thames and Ann streets, the purchase price being \$19,150. During the time of building the new Federal building the Kirwin block was used as the temporary postoffice. The new purchaser will probably establish his bakery in this block.

The Chamber of Commerce is again taking action to retain the Naval War College at Newport, following the introduction of a bill into Congress calling for its removal to Washington.

The local baseball season will open next Sunday, when the Trojans will face the Providence Collegians at Freebody Park.

Mr. Alexander J. MacIver has returned from a trip to Washington, during which he called upon President Harding.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Monday evening, when considerable business was transacted. The report of Superintendent Lull contained the following items:

#### Board of Health

Since the last meeting of this committee five cases of scarlet fever and five cases of diphtheria have been reported by the board of health and 32 other children have been excluded from school.

#### Penmanship

For the best application of muscular movement to the regular written work the "best work penmen" have been awarded for March to Grade I, Coddington (Miss Connell); II, Callender (Miss Saunders); III, Lenthall (Miss Nuss); IV, Calvert (Miss Sullivan); V, Coggeshall (Miss Hay); VI, Thayer (Miss Currin); VII, Potter (Miss Phelan); VIII, Cranston (Miss MacKie).

#### Gifts

The Rogers is indebted to Mrs. William W. Covell for a large framed picture of Lincoln to replace the one destroyed by the fire.

#### Trustees of Long Wharf

It is stated that the Trustees have paid for the reconstruction of the Callender in 1908 and have in hand surplus receipts which can be used for further work. Would it not be well for this board to request the Trustees to consider the needs of their second building, the Potter. The ventilation is poor, the furniture is not adjustable and is worn out, an assembly hall on the third floor is needed and the heating system should be renewed.

#### Coddington

Since this office has given up the sale of thrift stamps (because of lack of demand) for them, Coddington School has turned its attention to the Charity Organization Society stamps. Due to the personal supervision of the principal the sales have increased from \$1 to \$30 per week. The average for the last seven weeks is \$22. This is an excellent record, and it sets a high standard for the other schools.

#### Parents' Evening

The teachers of the Lenthall invited the parents of their pupils to the school Friday evening, March 18. About 200 accepted the invitation. The pupils gave an interesting program and refreshments were served. This is the third school to greet the parents. The John Clarke will hold its parents' evening Wednesday, April 13.

#### Rogers

The superintendent of Dallas, Texas, made last October an investigation of the ratio of high school enrollment to the population and his results have recently been published. He found that Portland, Maine, leads with 3.9 per cent, and that the average is 1.61. Washington, D. C. Newport's record for October was 763 pupils for a population of 30,255, or 2.19 per cent. If the tuition pupils were included, it would be 2.48 per cent.

Treasurer Officer Topham's report contained the following: Number of cases investigated (reported by teachers) 74 number of cases of truancy (public 8, parochial 0), number out for illness and other causes 66, number of different children truant 8, number found not attending school 4, number of certificates issued 6.

On March 22 a boy was brought before the juvenile court on petition, and summons for being an habitual truant and for larceny. He was adjudged a delinquent child and was placed on probation.

The report of the Finance committee was received and the following report from the committee on Teachers was adopted:

First—Your committee on teachers announce the resignation of Mrs. M. Anna Ford from the commercial department of the Rogers. The resignation was received by wire, Monday, March 28. In view of the fact that her record in the high school was being investigated for the purpose of a hearing, and although the rules and regulations required a notice of a month (four school weeks), your committee advised the superintendent to accept the resignation to take effect at once.

Second—Your committee recommend that Miss Julia A. Paquin, a graduate of the Rogers, a pupil of the Salem, (Mass.), Commercial School a teacher in the commercial department of the Rogers, be assigned to the stenography position made vacant by Mrs. Ford's resignation.

Third—Your committee further recommend that Miss Dorothy E. Nuss, Rogers High School, 1916, Child's Business College, yeoman Naval Training Station, be elected a substitute for April, May and June in the commercial department at the rate of \$1000 per year.

N. B.—The work has been so adjusted that only commercial arithmetic and business English are not provided for by the regular teachers.

The amendment to the rules, proposed by Mr. Harvey at a previous meeting, was adopted. This is an important change and provides that the principals shall have charge of the teachers and pupils in their buildings. It also provides for an assistant to each principal in order to carry on

the increased duties.

A considerable amount of routine business was transacted.

### TRAIN SERVICE CURTAILED

Beginning April 24th a number of changes in the operating schedule of the trains on the New Haven road will be made. In order to save expenses. There will be a number of consolidations of schedules and some trains will be entirely eliminated. Newport is not affected so badly as some communities, but will lose a little service. Representatives of the railroad have been in Newport this week in consultation with the Chamber of Commerce and city officials, this being a part of the program of re-adjustment in order to make it as easy as possible for the local communities.

The most important changes affecting the Newport service are as follows:

Train leaving Newport at 4.40 p. m. for Fall River will be discontinued, and in lieu thereof train now leaving Newport at 5.06 p. m. will leave at 4.50 and run via the Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Newport at 7.15 p. m. for Fall River will leave Newport at 5.30 p. m.

Train leaving Newport at 7.03 a. m. for Boston will run via the Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Newport at 3.08 p. m. and Fall River at 3.54 p. m., and connecting with train leaving New Bedford at 3.37 p. m., will run a few minutes earlier and via Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Newport at 9.00 p. m. and Fall River at 9.43, connecting with train at 9.35 p. m. from New Bedford, will be operated via the Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Boston at 12.25 p. m. for Fall River, New Bedford and Newport will run via the Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Boston at 3.56 p. m. for Fall River, Newport and New Bedford will leave at 4.50 p. m.

Train leaving Boston at 4.40 p. m. for Fall River and Newport will be run via the Stoughton branch.

Train leaving Boston at 9.36 p. m. for Fall River, Newport and New Bedford will be discontinued between Fall River and Newport.

## PORTSMOUTH.

(From our regular correspondent)

Regular Meeting of Town Council and Probate Court

All the members were present on Monday afternoon at the regular meeting of the town council and probate court.

In the town council a petition of Raymond T. Barker for a license to operate a merry-go-round at Island Park was granted. Fee \$10.

It was voted to meet April 14, at 7.30 p. m. to revise the jury list, according to law.

Alfred C. Hall presented a protest, asking the council to use all its power to prevent any oil refinery from locating in this town. The clerk was instructed to confer with the town's attorney on the matter.

The name of the lane called Gypsum Lane was changed to Jepson's Lane, and George E. Sisson, Surveyor, was instructed to place a sign in accordance with the above vote.

All highway signs and posts were ordered repaired and painted and new ones added if needed. William B. Anthony and Perry J. Sherman were appointed a committee to have charge of the work.

The petitions of William Southworth, John W. Carr and Raymond T. Parker for victuallers' licenses and Max Greene, for a peddler's license were granted. Fee, each, \$5.

A statement of damage done by dogs to turkeys and ducks belonging to Mrs. Edith R. Hunter of Middletown, amounting to \$74.10, was ordered paid according to law.

Abner P. Anthony was appointed a committee to have the flagpole painted.

A number of bills were received and ordered paid.

In the probate court, the petition of Annie L. Hall, guardian of Annie A. and Berkeley B. Hall, for leave to sell her ward's interest in a certain real estate, was allowed, suitable bonds being required.

The inventory of the estate of Jose M. de Souza was allowed and ordered recorded.

A regular meeting of Sarah Rebekah Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Oakland Hall. Mrs. Sarah A. Peckham was installed as Vice Grand, to fill the position of Mrs. Isaac Chase, who has resigned; and Mrs. Laura M. Rabbit was installed as Financial Secretary, to fill the position left vacant by Mrs. Peckham. The work was done by District Deputy President Evelyn Honeywell and her official board. Whist and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Medley and Mrs. Stewart Belcher of Fall River have been guests of Mrs. Belcher's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Elliott.

Mr. Isaac Chase, Jr., chief carpenter's mate in the Navy, has been enjoying a ten days' furlough at his home in this town. Upon his return to Bar Harbor he will be accompanied by Mrs. Chase and their two children. They will go by automobile as far as Boston, where they will take the boat to Bar Harbor.

Oakland Lodge will give a masquerade ball on Tuesday evening, April 19, at Oakland Hall. Music will be

furnished for dancing by the Aquidneck Grange orchestra.

Rev. Mrs. Katherine M. Cooper, who has been the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past three years, has now been assigned to the church at Nantucket. Rev. Joseph B. Ackley, who has been at Nantucket for the past two years, has been assigned as pastor of the church in this town.

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carr was burned quite badly with boiling water recently. She reached up and pulled over a small saucepan of boiling water on the stove, spilling it over herself.

Mr. Charles Sewall left on Monday going in his automobile to Versailles, Conn., where he has secured a position and will take up his duties immediately. Mr. Sewall has been employed as engineer at the Portsmouth Power Station for a long time. Mrs. Sewall and their daughter will reside here for the present, but will join Mr. Sewall later.

Mr. William G. Lamb, who has spent the last three years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Anthony, is seriously ill in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. Mr. Lamb went to New Bedford about three weeks ago to visit his son, Mr. Albert S. Lamb, and while there was stricken with two shocks.

Mr. Clarence G. Lamb, of Deal Beach, N. J., was guest recently of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Word have gone to Clintonville, Pa., where Mr. Word has secured a position.

## MIDDLETOWN.

(From our regular correspondent)

Ladies' Night Held at Oakland Hall

About 150 persons were present at a dance and social evening which was held at Ladies' Night at Oakland Hall on Monday evening, for the ladies of both St. Mary's and Holy Cross parishes. Music for dancing was furnished by Mr. Ray Groff as violinist and Mr. H. Wood Thompson as pianist. Whist was played upstairs and the pool tables were well used. Ice cream, cake and punch were served by the committee. In charge, John H. Spooner, Alfred C. Anthony, John L. Simmons, Jr., Karl Anthony and Robert L. Purcell.

The dance given by the Portsmouth Post, American Legion, at Oakland Hall on Tuesday evening was well attended and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

At the meeting of the Willing Workers, which was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John E. Manchester on Quaker Hill, eleven persons were present. The president, Mrs. Myrtle Gifford, was in charge of the meeting. It was voted to disband. The property, consisting of chinaware, glasses, linen and silver, was disposed of and the fancy articles on hand were sold. The money belonging to this Society was given toward a fund for a parish house for St. Mary's Church. This Society was formed about twelve years ago, but for the past three years has not been very active.

The classes of the eighth and ninth grades of the Oliphant School resumed their sessions on Wednesday after two days' vacation, owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Nellie Paquin.

A benefit entertainment for the Middletown Free Public Library will be given later in the month.

Mrs. Arthur Anthony was seriously injured while alighting from her automobile Monday evening. Mrs. Anthony is now confined to her bed, with the ligaments of one leg badly strained. The whist, which Mrs. Anthony was to have given at her home on Friday afternoon for the benefit of the Wild Rose Troop of Girl Scouts, has been postponed.

The annual egg supper of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in the church parlors on Wednesday evening and was well attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Oliphant Parent-Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Oliphant School, with Mrs. George Thurston as presiding officer. Three new members were received, which now brings the number to 23. Mrs. Martha Bliss was appointed director of the Association and it was voted to have two drinking fountains for the school, one to be placed in the boys' hall and one in the girls' hall. Plans for future work were discussed. It was decided to hold a May basket party the first week in May.

One of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Webber is ill with scarlet fever and has been taken to the Newport Hospital.

Miss Dorothy A. Peckham has gone to Attleboro, Mass., where she is guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. William D. McCaughey and husband, of Providence, are spending a few days with Mrs. McCaughey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin P. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith also have as guest for a month their little grandson, Master Edward J. Peckham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian F. Peckham.

Miss Marion Peckham, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Peckham, has been confined to her home with ivy poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Leonard, who have been spending a few days in Providence, returned to their home on Forest Avenue on Tuesday.



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## What the Pilot Engine Found

good old major was sort of unkind  
and glad enough, I took it, I  
guess, at anybody's table.

going, you know."

"But this warning," the major insisted. "There's a reason for it. I have, as sure as you are born."

Again the boss shook his head.

"Between you two, you and I'm due to acquire a case of. I don't know what she has, but I can't afford to dodge a busi-

"What is it, Buddy?" said I, when we came up to the fire.  
"It's them hell-fired wackers," was the grilling reply. "They disconnected and sprung out and let us off down the mountain."

the sport, line out of the mood  
contempt and hostility into a  
more or less justly aroused  
enmity, and dumped it; and now  
as he was beginning to get it  
down, he had had plainly  
that he was going to be killed.

"In their cousinhood as any could be. It's merely idle gossip to assure you," said Mrs. Horns.

"Maybe so," said Mrs. Horns, of drawing in his horns, when how positive the boss was. "I'm not hesitating admitting, young woman who told me I

"I know," the major cut in-  
will rise up in the majesty  
wrath and put it out of busi-  
terminating the lenses. I  
may: I suddenly do hope I  
But you'll recollect that I did  
you on that point with  
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Secretary of War Weeks favors a standing army of 175,000 men.

Potatoes are selling at 18 cents a bushel in Michigan. Wish we had a few bushels at these figures this way.

The New Haven Road's disastrous investments in trolleys under former President Elliott caused the Company a loss of \$28,935,656.42.

Secretary Weeks wants permission to sell surplus army food abroad. He says the American people will not eat it and he has on hand 80,000,000 lbs. of canned beef.

One hundred and fifty thousand workers are idle in Philadelphia, and they say that the peak of unemployment has not yet been reached. It looks as though wages would have to come down before the great army of unemployed can find work.

One hundred and six railroads in this country failed to earn the cost of operating in the month of February. The deficit for the month was \$7,205,000. This is not an encouraging showing. The increase in freight and passenger rates has not brought the increase in income that was expected.

Fifty-six years ago yesterday President Lincoln died. That was on Saturday, April 15, 1865. He was shot the night before in Ford's Theatre, Washington, by Wilkes Booth, and died Saturday morning in the house opposite the theatre, to which he had been carried after the fatal shot had been fired.

Thirty million gallons of sewage is emptied into the Seekonk daily. All the refuse of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket and the town of East Providence is emptied into this small river. From the Seekonk it floats into Narragansett Bay. No wonder the fish die in the Bay, or that the famous Providence River opsters are becoming rapidly extinct.

The largest State in the Union, as we were told long years ago when we went to school, is Texas. It contains 262,290 square miles. Two hundred and forty-one states the size of Rhode Island could be dumped into Texas and then there would be considerable room to spare. Were Texas as thickly populated as Rhode Island, it would have 160,816,750 people. At least forty millions more than the entire United States today. The second largest State is California, with 155,930 square miles of territory. The third largest is Montana, 146,060 sq. miles. The fourth largest is New Mexico, 122,650 sq. miles. The fifth is Arizona, 113,020 sq. miles. The sixth is Nevada, 109,740 sq. miles. The seventh is Colorado, 103,945 sq. miles. Eighth, Wyoming, 97,890 sq. miles. Ninth is Oregon, 94,660 sq. miles. All New England contains 62,095 square miles, of which 29,985 are in the State of Maine. The six New England States, which are the extreme east of this country, are smaller than the State of Washington, which is the extreme northwest, and contains 69,180 square miles. Rhode Island, which is the smallest of the forty-eight States of Uncle Sam's domain, contains 1085 square miles.

IMPROVEMENT COMPETITIONS

Feeling that the competitive spirit always makes it easier to get things done, civic workers in some towns have promoted wholesome rivalry in improvement work, both as between cities and towns, and as between individuals in the same community.

This idea has been worked out by the Greater Terre Haute Club of Terre Haute, Ind. They have developed a "Home Grounds Improvement score card," which enables a community to rate itself on the various factors that make up a clean and beautiful city. A number of the places near Terre Haute have gone into this competition and are seeing which shall develop the most beautiful and sanitary town.

A similar scheme, arranged for individuals instead of for towns, has been conducted at Northampton, Mass., by the "Home Culture" Clubs. It provided competitions in gardening and beautification work on home grounds. Hundreds of families went into these contests, which have made a very marked improvement in the appearance of the community.

The annual gathering when these prizes are awarded has been a very notable event. It was interesting to see how a great many hard working people, who apparently had no leisure for garden tasks, would put a great deal of time into raising flowers and shrubbery. Their little homes, which previously had looked commonplace and uninteresting, became little showplaces of beauty. Many of these little cottages showed more taste than many dwellings owned by men of wealth.

NO RADICAL POLICY

It is significant of the spirit of the new administration at Washington, that the shift from one party management to another has been accompanied by so little disturbance and inclination to make changes in a purely partisan spirit.

In former times, when a different political party came into power, the axe began to swing very soon, and great numbers of office holders were promptly removed to make positions for the faithful followers of the new regime. The Harding administration is not pursuing this policy. It has asked a good many competent officials who have learned the work of their departments to continue in the service. It can be depended upon, when it finds efficient men in non-political positions, to retain them.

This administration was elected on promises of efficient government, and the very first purpose it has in view will be to redeem these promises. It can be depended upon to sink politics further out of sight than any previous group of men who have had control of the government.

The whole spirit of the new group is one of thorough investigation. It claimed during the campaign, and it still believes, that a vast amount of inefficiency and waste has existed in the conduct of the government. But the men in power are too good business men to think that these faults can be cured by hasty and radical methods.

They consider that thorough scientific investigation is the essential preliminary to any series of changes. They are now going at these problems of government reconstruction just as any business man would take hold of a run down and poorly managed plant. They wish to make sure of every step, and when they know the facts, then they will act without fear or favor. There will be plenty of changes later, but they will be made on business principles and not as party favors.

THE COMMITTEES OF THIS CONGRESS

In the make-up of the committees for the Congress which assembled last Monday Rhode Island fared fairly well. She has two important positions, Mr. Burdick on committee on Naval Affairs and Kennedy on Foreign Affairs. Massachusetts seems to have carried off most of the honors intended for New England. She has the Speaker, chairmanships of Elections committees Nos. 1 and 2, Interstate and Foreign Affairs, Merchant Marine and Fisheries in the person of Wm. R. Green of Fall River, and membership on the important committees of Ways and Means, Appropriations, Judiciary, Banking and Currency, Military Affairs and Naval Affairs. The Chairmanship of most of the important committees goes to the West; Ways and Means to Michigan; Appropriations to Iowa; Judiciary to Minnesota; Military Affairs to California; Labor to California, Agriculture to Iowa, Post Office and Post Roads to Minnesota, Public Lands to Oregon, and the Chairmanship of the Steering Committee to Wyoming. The Southern chairmanships are conspicuously by their absence, which is decidedly different from the condition of affairs under the last Democratic administration.

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WAR

The socialists who lay all the troubles of the human race on the employers of labor, and on those who have acquired wealth, claim that the capitalists create wars. They say that men of wealth promote armed conflict, because it creates high prices and a demand for their goods.

Business men fear war above all others. Wars tend to unsettle confidence, to create business panics, to bring about commercial failures. They involve heavy taxation in which the accumulations of capital are hit very hard.

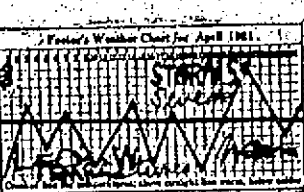
The business community is proverbially timid in its fear of change. War is the most changeable thing that human passion ever introduced on this planet. Business suffers from war, because war impoverishes the people, and business thrives only when the people are prosperous. The socialists should invent some new fairy tale, as this one is played out.

PROPAGANDA

Many people on hearing some view expressed with which they do not agree, shake their heads with a wise air, and remark that that is "propaganda," distributed by interested parties with sinister purposes. Very frequently this is the truth, but a good many persons make this suggestion as an easy way of answering arguments that they are unable to disprove.

Propaganda has always been a tremendous force for good and evil. The Bible is full of stories of how propaganda was worked 2000 years ago. St. Matthew's Gospel tells, for instance, how after the crucifixion of Jesus, the elders of the Jews "gave large money to the soldiers, saying, 'Say ye, his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept.'"

But one day more remains in which our State lawmakers can pay in mileage. Those who have been absent one or more days are not in this list. So the session will doubtless last all of next week.



WEATHER BULLETIN

Washington, D. C., April 16, 1921.

Not far from April 16 a cold wave will come into the Alaskan Northern Rockies and will soon thereafter cover Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. This will be an important and dangerous cold wave, carrying frosts farther south than usual. The cold waves of March that did so much damage and of which my weather charts gave accurate and ample forecasts, were double, the two occurring about nine days apart, the greatest damage coming with the last one during the week ending on March 31. The April cold waves will be very much like those of March, the last one of the April freezes occurring during the week ending on April 18 near meridian 90; a little earlier farther west and a little later east of meridian 90.

On account of the season being later these April frosts will not go so far south as did those in March. The average time of last killing frosts in Washington State and the northern Rockies varies greatly; for east of the Rockies they occur along a line running from "Texas pan handle," via Hannibal, Mo., Lexington, Ky., Bristol, Va., to eastern Massachusetts. Preceding and following this great high, or cold wave, the lows, or storm centers, will go to the other hand equally great extremes. This cold wave and its storm centers belong to the severe storms predicted for the week ending on April 22, for which increased rains and changes of location have been predicted. These rains, however, are expected to reach two-thirds of the continent, the locations most favorable being east of mountains and ridges extending north and south, east of hills like the "Black Hills," along rivers and valleys extending east and west; because moisture will come from central parts of the North Atlantic Ocean. Summer and Fall fishing will be best where this moisture will be evaporated.

The City of Nashua, N. H., in defiance, it would seem, of the State law recently passed, has adopted daylight saving for that city to take effect the last Sunday in April and to continue until the last Sunday in September, thus putting that city in line with the cities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and all other daylight saving communities.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
1st	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53
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3rd	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53
4th	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53
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6th	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53
7th	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53
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10th	5:01	6:15	7:29	8:43	9:57	11:11	12:25	1:39	2:53

New Moon, April 15th, 4:06 a.m.  
1st Quarter, April 15th, 5:12 a.m.  
Full Moon, April 22nd, 2:59 a.m.  
Last Quarter, April 29th, 11:10 p.m.

Deaths.

In this city, 9th inst., Mary Morse Clark.  
In this city, 10th inst., Hannah, widow of Richard Nash.  
In this city, 10th inst., Louisa Theresa, wife of William H. Sellers, C. Y. U. S. Navy, retired.  
In this city, April 11, Mary J., wife of Thomas H. Macdonald.  
In this city, 12th inst., suddenly, William Francis, son of the late William E. and Ruth C. Crawford, in his 50th year.  
In this city, 13th inst., Catherine, wife of Thomas Brennan.  
In this city, 14th inst., Rosa Lee, infant daughter of Stephen and Hattie A. Williams.  
In this city, 14th inst., Michael F., son of the late Peter and Catherine Martin.  
In this city, April 14, Catherine, widow of Louis L. Shantler.  
In this city, 15th inst., Mortimer J. Sullivan.  
In Troy, N. Y., 5th inst., Martha, widow of John T. Rogers, aged 82 years.  
In Templeton, Pa., 10th inst., Benjamin T. Tew, son of the late Henry C. and Mary E. Tew.  
In Chelsea, Mass., 15th inst., Alfred Francis, son of Richard H. and Catherine Peckham, in his 24th year.  
Suddenly, at Philadelphia, Pa., April 10th, Howard Spencer Graham.  
In New York City, 9th inst., Margaret, widow of William T. Berry.

BLOCK ISLAND

(From our regular correspondent.)

Market Whist News

Twenty-one tables were engaged in the Market whist at Mohegan Hall on Saturday night and one of the banner attendances of the season was recorded. The awards from the Littlefield market were distributed as follows:  
Capt Kneeland, U. S. N., B. I. A. A. pennant; Charles Monroe, 2 dozen oranges; Miss Lorraine Sprague, bag of flour; Mrs. Avarad Steadman, 20 lbs. sugar; Mrs. Iva Conley, 1 ham; Miss Ruby Willis, 2 lbs. coffee; Carl Wescott, 5 lbs. roast pork; Charles Hall, 3 lbs. steak, Consolation; Miss Frances Jalkan and Ned Allen. The Lucky Number waltz was won by Frank Mott and Miss Frances Hayes.

Wins Race

Jeremiah Littlefield trimmed Elmer Mitchell by a wide margin in the cross country run at Corn Neck last Tuesday. The boys at the dock presented Jeremiah with a gold wrist watch the next morning as a fitting trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Sharp spent the past week in Washington, D. C.

Senator Ray G. Lewis spent three days last week in Washington, D. C. Josiah Peckham, Jr., late star in the "Village Cream-Maid," is enjoying a few days' stay in Newport.

Capt. Oswald Littlefield, assistant superintendent of this district of the U. S. Coast Guard, is visiting relatives and friends on the Island.

Capt. Darius B. Dodge arrived home Wednesday after a month's sojourn in Jacksonville, Fla.

Capt. Gene Stinson and Yea Littlefield in the Stanley M. and Jack Millikin and Carl Wescott in the Helene M., left the first of the week for Atlantic City in pursuit of the wily mackerel.

Mrs. Uriah B. Dodge arrived on the Island Tuesday after spending the winter in East Providence with Mrs. May Steadman.

The Block Island Athletic Association was the recipient of two donations recently in the form of checks from Mr. and Mrs. Mort G. Wright of Hartford Conn., and May Bullens of Springfield, Mass.

Frank Ashworth, the local plumber, has opened a shop in the rear of the Public Market.

Indoor Athletic Meet and Social

The regular monthly business meeting of the Block Island Athletic Association, held in Mohegan Hall last week was followed by one of the most enjoyable and successful indoor athletic contests ever held in the history of this community organization.

At the conclusion of the executive session, which was attended by the full board of Directors and Officers, together with seventy-two members, the Glee Club Quartette rendered several vocal selections. The Quartette, which has just been organized, comprises the following members: Mrs. Louise Mitchell, Mrs. May Allen, Miss Marion Fenner and Merton P. Mott. Aside from the exhibitions of Indian club swinging and hand balancing by the advanced class, considerable attention was accorded the fencing and wrestling contests.

The big sack race, with fourteen entries, developed into a hilarious "up-and-down" contest almost from the start. The course was two and one-half trips across the hall, and while no records were broken in this event, several important sections of the anatomy received bad scares.

Avarad Steadman was declared the winner by Judges Frank Hayes and Frank Mott and Harold Dunn took second prize. Both of these contestants remained on their feet throughout the race. Tange Bill got out of step with himself on the last lap and in less than two seconds was looping the loop. His second loop unhooked Florio Millikin, who was in his wake, and both finished by swimming in over the tape. Several other contestants saw the race and their own finish from a sitting posture in the middle of the hall.

A hard boiled race for the ladies was the next event. Fourteen ladies entered the contest all armed with teaspoons and plenty of confidence. A slippery floor held forth no fears for them and the speed at which the shelled fruit flew would have given most any hen the spring fever.

Miss Marion Fenner was awarded first prize and Miss Mary Sheffield second.

The human wheelbarrow race was a scream from start to finish. In this race a man runs on his hands while his team-mate brings along his legs. Five teams enlisted for the fray and two teams finished intact. Harry Rose and Harold Dunn as Team No. 1 was awarded the first prize. Neilus Rose and George Mitchell finished second. Bud Steadman and John McCray took a nosedive on their first lap and after posing briefly as a Maltese cross in the middle of the hall they were unangled by friends on the side lines.

Horatio Millikin and Clarence Lewis were also wrecked on the home stretch.

At the conclusion of the wheelbarrow race an American chop suey supper was served in the dining hall under the supervision of Mrs. George Jalkan and Miss Frances Hayes. Those assisting were Miss Marie Heinich, Miss Lorraine Sprague, Miss Marion Fenner and Miss Frances Jalkan.

From 11 till 1 a. m. general dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by the Glee Club and the Athletic orchestra. Two Lucky Number waltzes were won as follows: 1, Merton Mott and Mrs. Bella Payne; 2, Miss Marion Fenner and Miss Minerva Allen.

During the business session 15 new members were admitted. Mrs. Nettie M. Day was appointed chairman of the Supper committee for the next meeting which falls on May 2nd.

The Athletic and Entertainment committees reported progress.

Best of All Things

It is a good thing to be rich, and it is a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be loved of many friends.—Exchange.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S FIRST MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

The first message of President Harding, delivered in person to Congress on Tuesday last, meets with the general approval of the people of this country. It is a straightforward, plain spoken, document and cannot be misinterpreted. It defines the position of the Administration as to the League of Nations in no uncertain terms. He says, to use his own language:

"In the existing League of Nations, world governing with its superior powers; this republic will have no part."

"There can be no misinterpretation and there will be no betrayal of the deliberate expression of the American people in the recent election and settled in our decision for ourselves, it is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us. Manifestly the highest purpose of the League of Nations was defeated in linking it with the treaty of peace and making it the enforcing agency of the victors of the war. There can be no prosperity for the fundamental purposes sought to be achieved by any such association so long as it is an organ of any particular treaty, or committed to the attainment of the special aims of any nation or group of nations."

The other principal points in his message are: Readjustment of internal taxes and revision or repeal of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose.

Instant tariff enactment, "emergency in character and understood by our people that it is for the emergency only."

Efficient operation of railroads "at a cost within that which the traffic can bear. Railway rates and costs of operation must be reduced."

The strengthening of laws governing Federal aid to roads.

Private monopolies tending to prevent the development of needed facilities should be prohibited. Government-owned facilities, wherever possible without unduly interfering with private enterprises or Government needs should be made available for general uses.

Regulation by the Federal government, and encouragement of aviation for development of military and civil purposes.

The American people expect Congress unfailingly to voice the gratitude of the republic in a generous and practical way to its defenders in the World War. The immediate extension and utilization of Government hospital facilities to bring relief to the acute conditions most complained of.

Co-ordination of various Government agencies now working on the subject and indorsement of the pending maternity bill.

Congress ought to wipe out the stain of barbaric lynching from the banners of a free and orderly representative democracy. A proposal for a commission with representatives of white and black races to study and report on the subject "has real merit."

The staggering load of war debt must be cared for in orderly funding and gradual liquidation. We shall hasten the solution and aid effectively in lifting the tax burden if we strike resolutely at expenditure.

Enactment of a national budget system and general reductions by efficient management of the cost of government.

"Less of business in government as well as more business in government. There is no challenge to honest and lawful business success. But Government approval of fortune, untrammeled business does not mean toleration of restraint of trade or of maintained prices by unnatural methods. Anxious as we are to restore the onward flow of business it is fair to combine assurance and warning in one utterance."

The retained costs in perishable foods cannot be justified. Reduced costs of basic production has been recorded, but high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion. Without the spirit of hostility or haste in accusation of profiteering some suitable inquiry by Congress might speed the price readjustment to normal relationship with helpfulness to both producer and consumer. A measuring rod of fair prices will satisfy the country and give us a business revival to end all depression and unemployment."

TOO MANY ROBBERIES.

Mail robberies amounting to \$6,101,750 have taken place in the West in the last ten months. The robberies are listed as follows:

July 29, 1920—Bonds valued at \$200,000 were stolen while in transit from Paine, Webber & Co., Chicago, to the New York office of the firm.

August 8, 1920—Two Chicago boys, bank messengers in Cleveland, disappeared with \$53,000 in Liberty Bonds after receiving them at the Post Office.

August 21, 1920—Five bandits held up postal agent and helpers at the Eleventh Street Station of the Illinois Central Railroad and escape with \$100,000 in registered mail.

November 13, 1920—Registered mail shipments valued at \$3,500,000 stolen from a railroad train between Omaha and Council Bluffs.

January 14, 1921—Rev. Guy Kyle escapes with \$212,000, after holding up the mail at Mount Vernon, Ill. The loot was recovered.

January 18, 1921—Four bandits hold up a mail truck at Union Station and escape with negotiable securities valued at \$500,000.

January 31, 1921—Louis Schiavone, 16, driver for the Auburn Park Postal Station, flees with \$31,750 in registered mail. Later arrested and confessed.

February 4, 1921—Five bandits in Toledo, Ohio, escape with \$1,000,000 after holding up the post office.

March 6, 1921—Three bandits kidnap John A. Hagen, mail truck driver, and escape with registered mail valued at \$5000.

April 6, 1921—Five bandits hold up mail truck driver and guard at Dearborn station and escape with \$500,000 in currency and negotiable securities.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS

IN TABLOID FORM

Items of Interest From All Sections of Yankeeeland

Daylight saving from May 1 to Oct. 2 will be adopted, according to vote of the Portland, Me. City Government, authorizing Mayor Clarke to issue proclamation to that effect.

An invitation to attend a banquet in New York of "distinguished Americans who are opposed to government by blue laws" was declined by Gov. Percival D. Baxter of Maine.

While looking for his pet coon cat, J. D. B. Bradstreet of Beverly, Mass., found, in the hollow of a tree, a leather bag containing the body of a fully developed child wrapped in a white towel.

The J. H. Torrey razor factory at Worcester, Mass., was broken into, and 1080 razors, valued at approximately \$600, were stolen from the stock room, according to a report made to the police.

The will of Annie Louise Cary, former noted prima donna, admitted to probate at Norwalk, Conn., includes bequests of more than \$100,000 to charitable institutions. The total estate is valued at \$350,000.

Profiteering landlords of Portland, Me., will be listed by assistant assessors, who will require tenants to disclose their rent charges. This will be communicated to assessors, who will fix valuations accordingly.

The city health department reports the first case of typhoid in Boston for nearly a year. The patient is Egbert Tyle, negro, 28 years old, who had been working as a porter. He has been living in Boston four years.

Hila S. Jensen, aged 70, of Brockton, Mass., who has been married 36 years, is seeking separation from her husband, Henry Jensen, now of New York. Mrs. Jensen alleges she was deserted by Jensen seven years ago.

The expected happened in the Massachusetts House when the anti-vaccination bill, which had already passed the Senate, was killed by a vote of 21 to 100. Nobody spoke for the measure and its opponents debated it only briefly.

BOSTON PRODUCE MARKET

Week of April 4-9, 1921

Prepared by the United States Bureau of Markets

Fruits and Vegetables

Apples, oranges and strawberries were higher, new crop onions, spinach and sweet potatoes were lower and other important lines about steady.

New York State Baldwin apples advanced 5 cents a barrel to \$5.00-\$5.50. California asparagus was more plentiful and declined \$1.00 a crate, during the week to \$4.00-\$4.50. South Carolina asparagus of poorer quality and closed at \$2.00-\$2.50.

New crop cabbage is supplying the market entirely now. Alabama flat cabbage in barrel crates remained practically steady at \$3.50-\$3.00 and South Carolina Wakefield cabbage at \$2.00-\$2.50. New Texas Bermuda onions sold Monday at \$1.00 a bushel crate but declined by the end of the week to \$1.75-\$2.00. Old crop onions were in slow demand at 15 cents \$1.00 per 100 pound bag.

Aroostook County potatoes were barely steady at \$1.25-\$1.40 a bushel, 40 pounds sacked. Prices of Maine shipping potatoes closed 15 cents lower at \$1.10-\$1.15, 100 pounds bulk for carload delivered Boston.

Klondike strawberries from Louisiana were scarce and 10 cents higher, closing at 25-35 cents a pint. Spring vegetables are beginning to arrive from Southern points. Green peas from Mississippi in 35 quart hampers sold Wednesday at \$3.60-\$4.00 but declined later to \$1.75-\$2.00. California rhubarb, mostly of ordinary quality, sold Monday at \$3.00 a crate, but declined to \$2.00-\$2.50. Native grown rhubarb sold 12-15 cents a pound.

Native grown hot-house lettuce was higher at \$1.50-\$2.00 a bushel box, while cucumbers were lower at \$3.00-\$3.50 a box.

Native grown beets were higher at \$1.50-\$1.60 and spring dug parsnips at \$2.00-\$2.25 a bushel box, while carrots were unchanged at \$1.25-\$1.50 and turnips at \$1-\$1.00 a bushel.

Dairy and Poultry Products

The market as a whole has shown no great changes from last week, and continues to reflect the uncertain conditions of general trade. Butter advanced sharply, then dropped just as rapidly and is now again on the upturn. Cheese and Poultry have continued to ease off, and eggs have held unchanged.

Fresh butter started to accumulate the first of the week, and with conditions so unsettled dealers were quick to drop prices to clean up stocks, but the decline proved unwarranted, so prices started up again. Fresh butter is more plentiful, but there are no prospects of further imports for the present, so another advance seems likely. Fresh 90-92 score is bringing 45-50 cents or about the same as last week, and storage sells at 40-45 cents.

Cheese has been selling hard, country product continuing to drop and buyers not anticipating the week-end sale. Fresh cheese has been very plentiful and has declined about 1 cent. Vermont twins bringing 22 cents and New York make 22-22 1/2 cents. Cured lots selling fair at 26-28 cents.

Eggs, while in considerable demand as a speculation, have been in demand for regular needs, and top grades are a shade firmer. Heavy receipts from the southwest, especially Texas, and these have sold mostly at 25-28 cents. Fine western eggs had a good demand at 22-25 cents and were packed for storage at 21-22 cents. Near eggs not arriving as freely and about 1 cent higher at 24-25 cents.





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### WATER

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### HELPING HIS COURAGE TO THE ASKING POINT

Simpson and Stimpson had been great friends during the earlier years of their lives, but not so very long ago Stimpson took to himself a wife, and Simpson proposed to follow the noble lead.

The approach of Simpson's trial—triumph grew near. On the morning he intended to propose to the lovely lady, but, first of all, he had decided to have a "little chat" with his old friend Stimpson.

"Were you all nervous when you proposed to your wife?" the single one asked the single.

"I wasn't," he admitted. "But if I could have foreseen the future, I should have been!"

### SUITS SOMBER OCCASION

A letterhead in the class of the class would write a conversation between a grocer and one of his customers, introducing some pathetic incident or reference.

Among the compositions handed in was the following:

"What do you want?" asked the merchant.

The woman replied: "A pound of green or black?"

"I think I'll take black," she said. "It's for a funeral."

### ABUSIVE GRANDPA

Philadelphia, Penn.—The annual report of the Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania, covering the year 1920, is called at the office to ascertain if anything could be done to stop the treatment of her mother.

"How old is your mother?" she was asked.

"Eighty," she replied.

"Who abuses her?"

"Her father. And he makes life miserable for her."

"And how old is he?"

"He is 101 years of age."

### FRONTIER EXQUISITION

Fresh from Boston, the lawyer in a frontier town had just finished a long session of the defense. There ensued a long pause, and the Easterner turned in some embarrassment to the judge.

"Your Honor," he asked, "will you charge the jury?"

"Oh, ho! 'Eudawd' not," answered the judge benignly. "They ain't got much anyway, so I let 'em keep all they can make on the side."

### MAKING AMPLE PROVISION

Representative Cordell Hull, on his way to Washington, was talking to a Nashville man about a political error which the latter had committed.

"You made a mistake, of course," he said, "but don't take it too much to heart; old fellow. We all make mistakes, you know—that's why they put erasers on the ends of lead pencils."

### KIND OF LIFE HE WORRIED ABOUT

"It is true," said the friend, "that you have gained much prosperity by your writings, but you have written nothing that has helped the world."

"Perhaps not," returned the author; "but when it comes to a question of which shall live, myself or my writings, I never hesitate to sacrifice my writings."

### FEARS PUNISHMENT

"You must admit that you are a fool," said Uncle Bill Bottletop. "And I can't help saying that I'm disgusted with the way the blame coward has gone into hiding."

### HER OVERSIGHT

Mr. Knapp—I don't see what you have to complain of. Haven't you had the best of everything since we were married?

His wife—Well, I didn't marry the best man at our wedding.

### NO CHANCE FOR DISPUTE

"Pardon me, Miss. Although a perfect stranger, I must tell you that you are beautiful."

"Sir, I shall call a policeman."

"I'm sure he will agree with me."

### HARD LUCK

"Some of these rusticators lead an aimless existence," commented a Maine farmer.

"They do," answered the hired man, "judging by the way they shoot at a deer and hit a guide."

### NO USE TO LOOK THERE

Servant—A poor man is at the door, who has lost a leg, sir.

Abset-minded Professor—Tell him we haven't got it, Jane.

### THREE SEXES

Teacher—How many sexes are there?

Little Boy—Three.

Teacher—What are they?

Little Boy—The male sex, the female sex and the insects.

### REASSURING WORD

"I have implicit faith in my husband," she said. "I've never seen him try to flirt with anyone."

"But," her comforting friend asked, "doesn't he ever go anywhere unless you are with him?"

### THE LESSER EVIL

The matrimonial problem presented itself to a young lady who had reached marriageable age. "Janie," said her father, "it's a solemn thing to get married. I can't say that, father, said the sensible lass, 'but it's a great deal sadder to be single.'"

### WAS REAL PERSON

Poem on Barbara Fritchle Mostly Legend  
Kept Flag Flying, but Gen. Stonewall Jackson Wasn't There

How much of what we know of the outstanding characters in American history is based on historical fact, and how much on poet's legends? For it is not the province of poets, as Aristotle says, to relate such things as have actually happened, but such as might have happened. Following his dictum, the poets, it seems, have freed the stories of our popular heroes from all imperfections, and have given us only the perfect, might-have-beens.

Lincoln never had to wait until the day after for that incisive reply; the thought of it on the spot. "Pinckney knew just what to say to the French directory. Franklin always had the perfect answer handy and knew how to strike the attitude which would look best in history. But really, did our great ones always move within the traditional outlines of perfection? Did Washington actually go through all the paces of that wonderful cherry tree story? And did Stonewall Jackson and Barbara Fritchle enact Whittier's poem before it was written?

We'll leave the cherry tree drama to the highest criticism of history, and turn to the legend of Barbara Fritchle which, in view of the Maryland heroine's nomination to the Hall of Fame, assumes added interest.

Barbara Fritchle was rejected as a candidate on the ground of her being a character in literature. But though Whittier's poem about her may be called the Barbara Fritchle legend, Barbara was no legend herself, but a real live human being who waited upon General Washington when visiting Frederick, Md., in 1791, and who was half-brother's daughter's daughter of an honored Revolutionary soldier.

Barbara Fritchle was her maiden name and she was born in America, of German parents. She married John Casper Fritchle; the son of a German, who was a Revolutionary War hero. She and her husband settled in a little house in West Patrick street, Frederick, Md. Here Mr. Fritchle carried on his trade of bookbinding and glove making. And here Barbara Fritchle lived after his death in 1849.

In spite of the conflicting reports which came out following the publication of Whittier's poem and in spite of the fact that Stonewall Jackson's wife was furious that anyone should think that her husband was capable of giving the proper credit to him by Whittier, there is an atom of truth in the poem.

As might be supposed, Union flags were often the target for Confederate shots, and Barbara Fritchle did keep her Stars and Stripes flying from the West Window of her home, whether Confederate or Union soldiers were occupying the town.

Barbara Fritchle's own story, as told by her niece, Caroline Ebert, and published in 1910, is this:

"One day General Fritchle, as she was called, upon hearing that soldiers were coming, got out her flag to wave at the passing troops. She always did it, as did many others of the townfolk. This day, however, Sept. 6, 1862, the troops were in gray, not blue, but Barbara, undaunted, kept on waving."

"Granny, give me your flag," said a mounted Confederate officer, smiling at the old woman. The officer was not Stonewall Jackson, and his name is not known.

"You can't have it," replied Barbara Fritchle. Again the officer spoke.

"Granny, give me your flag, and I'll give you my horse's head."

"You can't have it!" repeated Barbara. "Shoot her damned head off!" shouted a man from the ranks. Whereupon the young officer barked out:

"If you touch a hair of her head, I'll shoot you down like a dog. Go on, granny, wave your flag as much as you please."

That is all there was to the incident, which was probably confused with other happenings in the village before it reached Whittier. Evidence has shown Stonewall Jackson could not have been in the neighborhood of the Fritchle home on that memorable September, and his wife, in the memoirs of her husband, which she wrote, denies distinctly that there is any foundation for the ballad.

The incident of the shooting of the flag and the shattered window still came probably from the fact that the flag on the window of Mrs. Quattrone was fired at and some bullets were found lodged in the window sill.

These and other incidents passed on in various versions, finally reached Whittier, and from them the poet welded the perfect "might-have-been" of Barbara Fritchle. But Barbara was a heroic old lady, nevertheless. She died in Frederick, Md., December, 1862, at the age of 95 and was buried in the graveyard of the German Reformed Church.

PERFECTLY SIMPLE

A young man gave a graphic description of a narrow escape he had once had from an enraged bull. "I seized him by the tail," he said, "and there I was. I was afraid to hold on, and I dare not let go."

"Between the horns of a dilemma, as it were," ventured a young lady, very much interested.

"No," replied the young man. "I wasn't between the horns at all, and besides, it wasn't a dilemma, it was a Jersey."

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"I have implicit faith in my husband," she said. "I've never seen him try to flirt with anyone."

"But," her comforting friend asked, "doesn't he ever go anywhere unless you are with him?"

THREE SEXES

Teacher—How many sexes are there?

Little Boy—Three.

Teacher—What are they?

Little Boy—The male sex, the female sex and the insects.

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### RHODE ISLAND

The following poems and articles are taken from Commissioner Ranges' Rhode Island Independence Day Program.

### STATE PRIDE

I heard a stranger boasting of the glories of his State, He held that California is the greatest of the great; The chap who sat beside him lived somewhere in Illinois. And he boasted of her riches, and her comforts and her joys; But while I listened to them make their native splendors known, I'd have sworn that they were talking of the State I call my own.

Nebraska, or Dakota, Florida or Tennessee, Or Washington or Maryland—wherever you may be, You'll find the land is peopled with devoted hearts and true Who love the State they live in and the old Red, White and Blue, And you'll find the distant stranger in a proud, exultant tone, Boasts about the State he lives in as you boast about your own.

There are charms in this country over, there are joys in every State, Here are forty-eight divisions and each one of them is great, And I like the eyes that sparkle and the touch of honest pride, And the fervor of the people wherever they abide, Who rejoice in their possessions—for by such a love is shown That each one of us is faithful to the home he calls his own.

In Michigan or Kansas—in Idaho or Maine, The hearts of men are beating to the self-same loyal strain, The love of all that's lovely, not the eyes of all aglow, And the old flag laughs to hear us as it looks on its below, For it knows we are united as of home, We proudly brag— One great country-loving people and beneath the Stars and Stripes— Edgar A. Guest.

Postscript

However it be, to me it seems Rhode Island is the best, Of all the States from north to south, From east to golden west, The State that Williams founded, that man's conscience might be free, The State that first declared that she from England would be free, The State that gave the stars to shine upon our banner bright— Rhode Island, when I think of you, I know that you are all right.

But stern Rhode Island's early need Had more than rock, and bay, and the sea, Her soil was blessed with noble men, Majestic men who walked this strand Inspired by God, with holy thought, Serene in faith, with purpose grand, Rhode Island's freedom here you wrought— Harriet M. Miller.

CANONICAL AND ROGER WILLIAMS

Content within his wigwam warm, Canonical said by his free, Without the voice of the storm, Shrieked ever high and higher, Eager and wild, the spirit of wind, Tore at the thicket with fingers strong.

The Schemer fed the fire within And hummed a hunting song: Surely decree of God or fate Guided the savage chief To save the founder of a state Exiled for his belief.

Sudden upon the trusted snow He caught a spind not of the storm, A sound of footsteps dragging slow Towards his shelter warm.

His hand in friendship true he gave Unto the stranger guest, Food and drink his life to save And land at his request.

Adapted from an early poem of an unknown author.

AMERICANS' ALL

My Daddy's name is Robert Meade, And he's a hero brave, He fought in Flanders overseas Democracy to save.

And Daddy's name is Robert Meade, A hero, too, you see, He fought back in the Civil War, With Lincoln against Lee.

And then there's Bob Meade, Granddad's Dad, Whose praises still are sung A minute man they say he was, He fought with Washington.

And when my country calls again, For men both staunch and true, I'm going to be a hero brave, 'Cause my name's Bob Meade, too— Louis D. Tessier.

Oh, who has not heard of the Northmen of yore, How flew, like the sea-bird, their sails from the shore, How westward they stayed not till, breasting the brine, They hailed Narragansett, the land of the vine?— A. C. Cox.

RHODE ISLAND

The wild Atlantic beats thy shore, The fleecy sea fog folds thee round, Point Judith counts its wrecks by score, Where state ships their graves have found.

The Seekonk takes its shining way Fast swelling hills of tender green, To where the waters of the bay Bask softly in their silver sheen— Caroline Hazard.

GARDENING AS A SPORT

Why don't you take up golf if you need exercise?—I prefer gardening. The implements are cheaper than those used in golf and there's always the sporting chance that you may raise something fit to eat.

WOULDN'T STAND IT

Free Verse Writer—Ah, father, poets are born, not made.

Father (angrily)—See here, son! Write all that darn stuff you want, but don't you go blamin' mother an' me for it. We won't stand it.

### THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL

He lay upon his dying bed, His eyes were growing dim, When with a feeble voice he called His weeping son to him.

"Weep not, my boy," the veteran said, "I bow to heaven's high will; But quickly from your anthers bring The Sword of Bunker Hill."

The sword was brought, the soldier's eye Lit with a sudden flame; And as he grasped the ancient blade, He murmured Warren's name;

Then said: "My boy, I leave you gold, But what is richer still, I leave you, mark me, mark me now— The Sword of Bunker Hill."

"I was on that dread immortal day, I dared the British band, A captain raised this blade on me— I tore it from his hand; And while the glorious battle raged, It, lighted Freedom's will, For, boy, the God of Freedom blessed The Sword of Bunker Hill."

"O, keep the sword!" his accents broke, A smile, and he was dead, But his wrinkled hand still grasped that blade.

Upon that dying bed, The son remains, the sword remains, Its glory growing still; And twenty millions bless the sire, And the Sword of Bunker Hill, And twenty millions bless the sire, And the Sword of Bunker Hill.

ADDITIONAL VERSES

Mr. Neale of West Medford adds to "Reuben, Reuben," verses, that he heard long ago:

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking, Can you tell me how, and when Women will be made to stop this Doing things just like the men?

Cynthia, Cynthia, I've been thinking, And can answer with despatch, She must cease her mannish methods When she goes to strike a match.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking, What a strange world this would be, If the streams of drinking water Turned as salty as the sea.

Cynthia, Cynthia, I've been thinking, You may safely take my word, More than half the population Wouldn't know it had occurred.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking, Why the men will risk their gold Betting on the wicked races, And knowing they are bought and sold.

Cynthia, Cynthia, I've been thinking, That is where the laugh comes in, Each man thinks that he has fixed it, So, the horse, he backs, will win.

HOMES PRESERVES, NOT BIKES

Two Federal prohibition field agents were seated in a train, bound from North Vernon to Indianapolis.

"Ah! ha!" exclaimed one, as he nudged his companion in the ribs, "Look at those fellows."

The two thereupon watched an elderly colored couple. The man had a suitcase which seemed heavy, and he handled it gingerly as he placed it under the seat. The agents studied the situation, and then decided to act.

"Excuse me," said one of the agents, addressing the colored man, "we will have to bother you to let us see what you have in that suitcase."

"Help yourself."

Expectantly the agents opened the suitcase, and peered within. It contained six cans of home-preserved fruit.

FAT PUTS ONE OVER ON JUDGE

During a trial in a Western court an Irish witness was called upon to give his testimony.

"Did you see the shot fired?" was the first question put to him.

"No, sir, but I heard it."

"That is not satisfactory. You will sleep down."

As the witness turned to go he laughed out loud. Whereupon he was rebuked by the Court and told that he was in contempt.

"Did your Honor see me laugh?" questioned the witness respectfully.

"No, but I heard you."

"Excuse me, your Honor, but that is not satisfactory."

Then the Court did not seek to restrain its own laughter.

### TIME FOR HIM TO GO

A moment before the leading man was to be hurled from the cliff into the sea, 200 feet below, he began rearranging his hair. He further delayed proceedings by smoothing his hair and brushing imaginary specks of dust from his clothing.

The director threw up his hands in disgust, and the gentleman noting his displeasure, suavely asked:

"Have you any objection to my improving my appearance?"

"My dear sir," replied the director, with freezing politeness, "your appearance has nothing to do with the case, it is your disappearance we are waiting for."

### LONG SERVICE TOO MUCH FOR HER

Mary was frankly bored. She twisted this way and that until even the minister was conscious of the wriggling blue bow. She climbed up on the seat and made faces—horrible goblin faces—at the sedate little person in the next pew; but the sedate little person, remembering the occasion, made no answering grimace.

Mary's innings were yet to come. In the midst of the long, solemn prayer her shrill little voice was raised in urgent protest.

"Aw, come on, let's go home. This ain't no fun!"

And Mary went.

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### DIGNIFIED LOOKING WOMAN GETS BARGAIN AT BUTCHER'S

A dignified looking woman stepped up to an attractive-looking show-case in the meat market, and after she had bought several pieces of meat, she asked:

"Have you any shibbole that I could use for soup stock?"

"Just the thing," responded the obliging clerk as he took up a long shibbole and knuckle and balanced it on his left hand.

"What is it worth?" asked the woman.

"Just half a dollar," said he. "It is such a large piece, would you mind cutting it at the joint?"

"Sure I will," he replied. After cutting off the large knuckle he again balanced the long, slim shibbole on his hand and said:

"You may have this for 10 cents."

The woman looked at the piece for a moment, then at the knuckle, and said:

"Is that piece you cut off worth only 10 cents?"

The clerk hesitatingly replied: "Yes, madam."

"All right," said the woman, "I'll take that knuckle."

The clerk waited a moment, looked at the woman, then actually laughed aloud. But he was game, and willingly wrapped up the 10-cent soup bone.

CONSCIENTIOUS ABOUT TAKING HIS MEDICINE

The tramp entered the diaconal council.

"Gentlemen," he began, "your pardon for disturbing you, but I am very sick. He paused after this announcement to note the effect.

"I went to the doctor," he continued, "and he gave me the pills—see, the pills," and he held up to view a small bottle.

"He said," he said, "take these pills, three after each meal, and I would be very much to have some assistance."

"Well, why don't you take your pills, then and not come bothering here?" interposed a deacon.

"Gentlemen," replied the tramp, with much emotion, "I cannot take the pills; I have no meal."

He got the meal.

THE FAIR CUSTOMER MADE HER WAY TO THE COUNTER

"I want to see some spectacles," she said.

The elderly assistant produced boxes immediately.

"For your husband, madam?" he asked, as he opened one.

"No, thank you, I am single."

PASSING ON GOOD CHANCE



# Historical and Genealogical Notes and Queries

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1921

## NOTES

(Continued)

1767

The anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act was commemorated by the Friends of Liberty in Newport. A flag was displayed at the top of the tree of liberty and a long copper plate affixed to the trunk with this inscription: "Tree of Liberty, Stamp Act repealed March 18th, 1766."

Flags were displayed at Fort George, the battery at the Point and from the shipping in the harbor, a royal salute was fired from the battery and the bells rang, etc. In the evening the Hon. Metcalf Bowler gave an elegant entertainment to the true friends of liberty.

This year was memorable for the melancholy disaster that took place on the night of the 26th of August at Point Judith. The brig Dolphin, Capt. John Malbone, son of Eben, from Kingston, Jamaica, with a valuable cargo of rum and sugar, and a number of passengers belonging to a theatrical company, took fire and the vessel and cargo were entirely consumed; five female passengers perished in the cabin. The officers and crew, with the rest of the passengers, escaped to the shore in their boats.

The brig was a new vessel of 210 tons, belonging to Messrs. E. & L. Malbone, merchants of Newport.

Among the passengers was Mr. Henry, father of the American stage, and Wm. B. Simpson, afterwards a lawyer in Newport. Mr. Henry's wife and daughter were among those who were lost.

1768

A very remarkable circumstance was noticed at Newport on the 4th of January about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the tide in the harbor rose two feet perpendicular in less than 4 minutes and retired again in about the same time. It was observed to rise and retire suddenly several times afterwards on the same afternoon, tho' in a less degree than at first. The same phenomenon was noticed on Easton's Beach.

On the third of May an affray took place in Newport near the foot of Mary street, between some of the citizens and several officers of the Senegal, man-of-war, lying in the harbor. During the affray a shoemaker named Henry Sparkers, was run through the body and killed by an officer named Charles Carless. The officer was tried by a special court and acquitted on the ground of self-defense.

1769

The armed sloop Liberty, Capt. Read, having brought into Newport a brig and sloop belonging to Connecticut, on suspicion of having contraband goods on board, an altercation having taken place the next day between the master of the brig and some of the people belonging to the Liberty, in which violence was offered to the former, it created a violent excitement among the inhabitants and a number of persons assembled in the evening, seized on Capt. Read whom they found on the wharf, compelled him to send on board for all his crew except the first officer; while this was going on, a party went on board the Liberty, sent the officer on shore, then cut her cables and ran the sloop on shore at the point, where they cut away the mast and scuttled her. They then took her boats, which they carried to the head of the town and burnt.

In the meantime the vessels under seizure got under way and made their escape. Governor Wanton, at the request of Mr. Dudley, Collector, and Mr. Nichols, Comptroller of the Customs, issued a proclamation for the discovery of the offenders.

The commissioners of the customs also offered a reward of 100 pounds sterling to anyone who would inform against offenders, but no discovery was ever made.

In Providence a great number of people assembled and violently seized Jesse Saville, a tidewater belonging to the custom house, while in the exercise of his duty and after committing various outrages on his person, proceeded to tar and feather him.

The merchants and traders of Newport enter into an agreement not to import any British manufactures or East India goods on their own account, or on commission.

The town of Newport at this period was at the zenith of her commercial prosperity, the population was supposed to have been between 11 and 12,000; she had nearly 200 vessels employed in foreign trade, between three and four hundred coasting vessels. The town at the same time contained 17 manufactories of sperm oil and candles, 15 rope walks, 3 sugar refineries, one brewery and 22 rum distilleries.

1769

The rare phenomenon of the transit of the Planet Venus took place on the 3d of July, 1769; it was observed in Newport by the Rev. Doctor Stiles, the necessary instruments, (reflecting telescope and sextant) having been procured for that purpose from England, by that eminent promoter of science and literature, Abraham Redwood, Esq.

It was also observed in Providence by the ingenious Joseph Brown, Esq., who had imported an apparatus from England for that purpose.

A large comet, with a very long tail, made its appearance this year, which created no little alarm among the superstitious.

The first commencement of Rhode Island College took place at Warren, on the 7th September, 1769. The first graduates were Joseph Belton, Joseph Eaton, William Rogers, Richard Stiles, Charles Thompson, James Mitchell Varnum and William Williams.

The Liberty Pole in Newport was struck by lightning on the 23rd of October, which shattered it considerably.

(To be continued.)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Newport Mercury, April 7, 1821

Wm. Crooke advertises that he has just received and has for sale ten hogheads of Jencks best rye gin.

Robert B. Cranston advertises to let "that pleasantly situated dwelling house on the Point belonging to the estate of the late Capt. Christopher R. Perry. A pleasant residence for a Southern family."

John B. Lyons advertises that he has just received and has for sale 200 barrels mountain flour, and 60 half barrels city mill flour.

"Fortune's Favorites"—A young attorney in Richmond, Virginia, drew a \$100,000 prize in the grand State Lottery; a grocer in Philadelphia drew \$10,000; a blind lady of do. drew \$1000, and the cashier of the Bank of the United States drew \$5000.

Stephen Gould gives notice that the person who took a small thermometer in a red morocco case while hanging at the door of his house on the 4th inst., between one and two o'clock will greatly oblige him by returning the same to the place from whence he took it.

John B. Lyon informs the public that he has for sale, and will keep a constant supply of double and single Ale and table beer.

Dean Berkeley

We copy the following from the Mercury February 24, 1821:—"Newport, Jan. 24, 1729—Yesterday arrived here Dean Berkeley of Londonderry in a pretty large ship. He is a gentleman of medium stature, of an agreeable, pleasant and erect aspect. He was ushered into the town with a great number of gentlemen to whom he behaved himself after a very commendable manner. It is said that he purposes to tarry here with his family about three months."

200th Anniversary

The Mercury of Dec. 23, 1820, contains the following: "Yesterday completed two centuries since the first landing of the pious fathers of New England at Plymouth. The day was celebrated in several of the principal towns in New England by religious exercises, festivity and mirth. At Plymouth an oration was delivered by the Hon. D. Webster of Boston."

"Sacrilege—The Catholic Church in this place was broken open on Saturday night and ransacked in every part. As nothing of value was kept in the church, the thieves appeared to have gained very little by their labor."

"The subject of the lecture tomorrow evening at the Unitarian Church will be the attempt of Cajetan and Millitz to manage Luther."

Died in this town on Saturday last, Thomas M., only child of Mr. T. Mumford, Seabury, aged 12 weeks.

R. J. Taylor advertises Whitwell's Temperance Bitters at 25 cts. per bottle.

## SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Newport Mercury, April 11, 1846

Anthony Stewart, agent, advertises that steamers, Massachusetts, Capt. Patter, and Rhode Island, Capt. Manchester, will leave every evening, except Sunday, for New York, at 7 o'clock; fare, cabin, \$2; deck, \$1.

Abraham Brown advertises to let for the season that beautiful house, garden, etc., situated on the Hill in Newport, occupied the past season by His Excellency Chevalier Calderon De La Barca.

Ripe strawberries and new Irish potatoes of city growth were in the market—not at Newport—but at Mobile on the 21st ult.

The examination of the pupils in the Newport Female Seminary, of which the Misses Coe are principals, took place Monday and Tuesday in the presence of many ladies and gentlemen.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Newport Mercury, April 8, 1871.

In the election Wednesday, Samuel Powell was elected Senator from Newport, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles C. Van Zandt, Benjamin Finch, Job A. Peckham, Jr. and William C. Townsend were chosen Representatives. Only some 650 votes were cast.

The U. S. Engineer Department has leased the entire Coe estate on Thames street and are making many improvements to the property. A stable is to be placed at the Mary street entrance.

Charles Lenox, a colored Newport boy, has been appointed an inspector in the Boston Custom House.

Robert S. Franklin was this week chosen President, George A. Lovejoy Vice President, James H. Goddard, Secretary and George Burroughs Treasurer of the Mechanics and Manufacturers' Association of Newport.

At the annual Town Meeting in Middletown Wednesday, John Gould was chosen Moderator, Joshua Coggeshall Town Clerk, Joseph P. Barker Town Treasurer, George C. Coggeshall, Benjamin Wyatt, Augustus Peckham, Francis Talbot and Wm. F. Peckham Town Council. In Portsmouth Edward Coggeshall was chosen Moderator, Philip B. Chase Town Clerk, John G. Dennis Treasurer.

Jamestown, Fred T. Cottrell Moderator, John E. Watson Town Clerk, Elijah Anthony Treasurer, Francis E. Weeden Council.

The rate of taxation in Middletown was fixed at \$4 on \$1000. In Portsmouth it was \$5. Jamestown voted to assess a town tax of \$1500, a road tax of \$256 and a school tax of \$123.

In the State election on Wednesday Seth Padelford was re-elected Governor. There was no choice for Lieutenant Governor. Pardon W. Stevens of Newport led with 6513 votes, Cutler, democrat, of Warren, had 5597 and Francis Brinley of Newport had 1884.

"Two weeks since two little children of Briencell Bonaparte, residing in Wickford, were buried alive by the falling in of a wall of a cave. The heart broken mother, who was ill at the time, died of the shock, and now the bereaved father has become insane."

It is expected that this week will see the end of the coal strikes in the Pennsylvania mines.

At the coming City election Mayor James Atkinson will be a candidate for re-election. Postmaster Thomas Coggeshall, Deacon Thomas T. Carr,

John S. Engs and Nathan H. Gould are also mentioned as candidates.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Newport Mercury, April 11, 1896

The Templars Ball given Easter Monday evening in Masonic Hall, was a great success. The committee in charge were Arthur B. Comperford, chairman, George E. Vernon, David Stevens, Henry C. Stevens, Jr., William B. Scott, James M. Bryer, Sidney B. Gladding, Thatcher T. Bowler, William J. Corzons, Edward G. Hayward, John W. Gibson, Benjamin H. Richards, William E. Mumford, Harry M. Spooner, Edward P. Therien and Harry M. Wilson. Enlistment Commander Joseph W. Sampson and Mrs. Sampson led the grand march. William J. Corzons was floor manager. Deputy Sheriff Kaul returned from England Saturday bringing with him John L. O'Brien, the fugitive from justice. O'Brien was on Monday sentenced to eleven months in the Providence County Jail and to pay a fine of \$1000.

St. John's and St. Paul's lodges will attend Divine service at the 1st Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening.

Lieut. W. McCarty Little, U. S. N., of this city, is suggested for the position of Commander of the Rhode Island Naval Brigade.

In the River and Harbor Bill passed by Congress this week, Newport harbor gets \$15,000, Block Island Great Salt Pond \$10,000, Wickford Harbor \$6300, Stone Bridge, for deepening the draw, \$20,000.

Henry O. Anthony of Portsmouth expects to have his new house on the Stone Bridge road ready for occupancy in June.

In the City Council on Tuesday M. F. Murphy was awarded the contract for building the new 6th Ward school-house, he being the lowest bidder. John Murphy and P. H. Horgan as sureties.

Minneola Council, No. 3, Degree of Pochontas, gave a most enjoyable social in Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening.

Mr. Wm. H. Cary died at his home on Marsh street on Thursday aged 42 years.

The members of the First Methodist Church met Wednesday evening in the vestry to bid farewell to their pastor, Rev. Dr. Bass, and at the same time to greet him as their new presiding elder.

## PLEASANT FOR MAMMA

Little Johnny, looking curiously at the visitor, "Where did the chicken bite you, Mr. Billus? I don't see any of the marks." Visitor: "Why, Johnny, I haven't been bitten by any chicken." Johnny: "Mamma, didn't you tell papa that Mr. Billus was dreadfully hen pecked? Why, Mamma, how funny you look, your face is all red."

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 21, 1918

of Newport Mercury, published weekly, at Newport, R. I., for April 1, 1921.

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Alvah H. Sanborn, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Newport Mercury, and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, and circulation of the said newspaper, during the month of April, 1921, as shown in the above caption, required by section 1103 of the Federal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the name and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Name of Publisher: Alvah H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.  
Name of Editor: Alvah H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.  
Name of Managing Editor: Alvah H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.  
Name of Business Manager: Alvah H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.

2. That the owners are: (Give names and addresses of individual owners, or if a corporation, its name, and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent. or more of the total amount of stock.)

Alvah H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.  
Isabella H. Sanborn, Newport, R. I.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent. or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none so state). None.

4. That the two paragraphs next above giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the true names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, but also the addresses where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person acting as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, and that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing the full knowledge and conditions under which the stockholders and security holders do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, or stock and securities in a capacity other than as bona fide owners; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, partnership or corporation has any interest direct or indirect in the said stock, bond or other securities than as so stated by him.

Alvah H. Sanborn, Editor, (Signature of editor, publisher, business manager or owner) sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April, 1921.

(My commission expires June 30, 1921.)

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Newport, So.

Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Newport, March 25th, 1921

WHEREAS CLINTON M. RICHARDS of the City of Newport in said County and State has filed in this office his petition praying for a divorce from the bond of marriage now existing between the said Clinton M. Richards and Helen A. Richards now in Paris to the said Clinton M. Richards and whereas an order for notice to the said Helen A. Richards by publication has been entered.

Notice is hereby given to said Helen A. Richards of the publication of said petition and that she shall appear in said County of Newport at said Court to be held at Newport on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1921, then and there to respond to said petition.

SYDNEY D. HARVEY, Clerk.

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No. 112 Reserve District No. 1 REPORT	
OF THE CONDITION OF THE NEWPORT NATIONAL BANK, at Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, at the close of business February 21, 1921.	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts including real estate 28,222 13	Deposits 78,192 05
Overdrafts unsecured 21 25	U. S. Government securities owned 21 25
Deposits to secure circulation, U. S. bonds pay value 110,000 00	
Capital and undeposited 96,672 25	
Capital U. S. Government securities 100,000 00	
Total bonds securities, etc., other than U. S. 100,000 00	
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (10 percent of subscription) 5,100 00	
Equity in banking house 20,700 00	
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 4,452 87	
State vault and net amounts due from National Bank 41,918 61	
Exchange for clearing house (including fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasury) 5,500 00	
Interest earned but not collected on notes and bills receivable but not paid due 5,338 21	
Total 278,703 83	
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in 100,000 00	
Surplus fund 10,000 00	
Undivided profits 20,552 81	
Current expenses 7,500 02	
Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate) 1,678 46	
Circulating notes outstanding 108,400 00	
Cashier's check on own bank outstanding 5,511 86	
Individual deposits subject to check 438,616 76	
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days 2,450 08	
Notes and bills receivable 400 20	
Dividends unpaid 524,703 83	
Total 1,014,174 74	
Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid to bank officers, directors, and cashiers for month of January, 1921, \$366.66	
Annual pay of all these officers at January 1921, rate of \$4400. Number of these officers on date of this report was 3.	
Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid to all other employees of the bank for month of January, 1921, \$235. Annual pay of these employees on basis of \$4400, rate of pay, \$2350 number of these employees on date of this report was 2.	
State of Rhode Island, County of Newport, ss. I, Henry C. Stevens, Jr., Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
H. C. STEVENS, JR., Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1921.	
PACKER BRAMAN, Notary Public.	
Correct—Attest:	
GEORGE W. FIERMAN, WILLIAM W. CORVILL, WILLIAM R. DENNIS, Jr. Directors.	
Probate Court, Middletown, R. I., March 21, 1921.	
Estate of Sarah C. Coggeshall	
ALBERT L. CHASE, the Administrator on the estate of Sarah C. Coggeshall, widow, late of said Middletown, deceased, presents to this Court his first account with said estate and thereon asks that said account may be examined, allowed and recorded.	
It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to the Probate Court to be held at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April next, A. D. 1921, at one o'clock p. m., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least in the Newport Mercury.	
ALBERT L. CHASE, Probate Clerk.	
4-2-31	
Probate Court of the Town of New Shoreham, April 4th, 1921.	
Estate of Rufus A. Willis	
REQUEST in writing is made by Rufus A. Willis, late of said New Shoreham, deceased, intestate, that Rufus A. Willis of said New Shoreham, or some other suitable person, may be appointed Administrator of the estate of said deceased, and said request is received and referred to the 24 day of May, 1921, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Probate Court Room in said New Shoreham, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.	
EDWARD P. CHAMPLIN, Clerk.	
4-3-31	
Probate Court of the City of Newport, April 7th, 1921.	
Estate of Edward L. Lennox	
REQUEST in writing is made by Annie A. Laver of said Newport, sister of Edward L. Lennox, late of said Newport, deceased, intestate, that she or some other suitable person may be appointed Administrator de bonis non, of the estate of said deceased; and said request is received and referred to the Twenty-fifth day of April, instant, at ten o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court Room in said Newport, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.	
DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.	
4-9	
Probate Court of the City of Newport, April 8th, 1921.	
Estate of Timothy Shea	
JAMES A. DUNPHY, Administrator of the estate of Timothy Shea, late of said Newport, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, for allowance, which account shows distribution to the heir at law; the Twenty-fifth day of April, instant, at ten o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court Room in said Newport, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week, in the Newport Mercury.	
DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.	
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ADMINISTRATION NOTICE	
New Shoreham, R. I., April 9, 1921.	
THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice that he has been appointed by the Probate Court of the Town of New Shoreham, Administrator of the estate of JAMES H. GRIFFIN, late of said New Shoreham, deceased, and has given bond according to law.	
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same in the office of the clerk of said court within six months from the date of the first advertisement hereof.	
J. LAURIMAN R. GRIFFIN, Administrator.	
4-9-21	
Probate Court of the City of Newport, April 7th, 1921.	
Estate of William F. Lennox	
PETITION in writing is made by Annie A. Laver, of said Newport, praying for reasons therein stated, that she, of said Newport, or some other suitable person, may be appointed guardian of the person and estate of William F. Lennox, a person of full age, of said Newport, and said petition is received and referred to the Second day of May next, at ten o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court Room in said Newport, for consideration; and it is ordered that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week in the Newport Mercury, citation having been served according to law.	
DUNCAN A. HAZARD, Clerk.	

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